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REMARKS

On December 10, 2008, the Examiner indicated to Applicants' undersigned representative that the present amendment (previously sent to the Examiner informally for his consideration) would be entered and that it "looks good," i.e., that it should put the application in condition for allowance. Timely Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, referencing Attorney Docket No.: 7589.165.PCUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner may directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

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